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ROAD ACTIVITY
CAMBODIA/SOUTH VIETNAM BORDER AREA
KRATIE PROVINCE, CAMBODIA

(SEE NPIC BRIEFING BOARD L-1860)

1. SIGNIFICANCE:

THIS BRIEFING BOARD DEPICTS ROAD ACTIVITY AND ASSOCIATED INSURGENT ENCAMPMENTS LOCATED NEAR CAMBODIA ROUTE 131 AND THE CAMBODIA/SOUTH VIETNAM BORDER.

2. BACKGROUND:

COLLATERAL REPORTS THAT CAMBODIA IS PLAYING AN INCREASINGLY IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE MOVEMENT OF MILITARY SUPPLIES FROM NORTH VIETNAM TO SOUTH VIETNAM. IT HAS BEEN ADMITTED BY THE CAMBODIAN GOVERNMENT AND CONFIRMED BY U.S. FORCES THAT CAMBODIA IS USED AS A SOURCE OF SUPPLY, SANCTUARY, AND POLITICAL COMFORT BY THE VIET CONG. IT HAS BEEN CONFIRMED THAT CAMBODIAN TERRITORY HAS BEEN USED TO CONSTRUCT ROADS CONNECTING THE COMMUNIST INFILTRATION COMPLEX IN LAOS WITH THE CENTRAL HIGHLANDS OF SOUTH VIETNAM. IMPORTANT VIET CONG AND NORTH VIETNAMESE ARMY MILITARY FACILITIES, SUCH AS REST CAMPS, TRAINING AREAS, HOSPITALS, WORKSHOPS, AND STORAGE DEPOTS, NOW OPERATE IN CAMBODIA. IT IS CLEAR THAT THE USE OF CAMBODIA IS OF CONSIDERABLE SIGNIFICANCE TO THE VIETNAMESE COMMUNISTS AND THAT THEY RECEIVE SUPPLIES IN LARGE QUANTITY FROM AND VIA CAMBODIA.

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3. MISSION READOUT:

1 [REDACTED] REVEALS VEHICLE TRACKS
EXTENDING FROM ROUTE 131 AT 1207N 10638E (UTM XU787402) AND 1207N 10635E
(UTM XU717400) SOUTH TO A SUSPECT INSURGENT ENCAMPMENT AT 1203N 10640E
(BOUNDED BY UTM'S XU800332, XU 825274, AND XU800274). APPROXIMATELY
NINETEEN PARTIALLY CONCEALED BUILDINGS ARE OBSERVED WITHIN THE AREA AND
NO DEFENSES ARE DISCERNIBLE.

FURTHER SOUTH THE VEHICULAR TRACKS TRAVERSE A SECOND AREA OF
SUSPECT INSURGENT ACTIVITY THAT INCLUDES EXTENSIVE TRACK ACTIVITY AND
SEVERAL PARTIALLY CONCEALED BUILDINGS AT UTM XU810280.

THE VEHICLE TRACKS TERMINATE FURTHER SOUTH AT THE LIMITS OF PHOTO-
GRAPHIC INTERPRETABILITY APPROXIMATELY 0.8 NM INSIDE THE SOUTH VIETNAM
BORDER AT 1158N 10640E (UTM XU817244).

A THIRD AREA OF SUSPECT INSURGENT ACTIVITY IS OBSERVED NORTH OF
ROUTE 131 AT 1208N 10635E. THE AREA CONTAINS EXTENSIVE TRACK ACTIVITY
AND APPROXIMATELY FOUR PARTIALLY CONCEALED BUILDINGS (NOT DEPICTED ON
GRAPHIC).

1 PHOTOGRAPHY OF [REDACTED] REVEALS A FOURTH AREA OF SUSPECT
INSURGENT ACTIVITY CONTAINING EIGHT PARTIALLY CONCEALED BUILDINGS AT
UTM XU800300 (NOT DEPICTED ON GRAPHIC).

4. REMARKS:

ALL FOUR OF THE ENCAMPMENTS ARE SUSPECTED OF BEING UTILIZED AS

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BIVOUAC/STORAGE AREAS. ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE OF GROUND SCARRING AND TRAIL ACTIVITY IS EVIDENT THROUGHOUT THE GENERAL AREA.

EVIDENCE OF VEHICULAR TRACKING AND SUSPECT INSURGENT ACTIVITY WAS FIRST OBSERVED AND IDENTIFIED ON 1

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K1 ANALYTICAL COMPARISON OF AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY DATED AFTER AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER 1966 REVEALS A SUBSTANTIAL CHANGE, INDICATING AN APPARENT INCREASE IN THE AMOUNT OF VEHICULAR ACTIVITY NEAR THE CAMBODIA/SOUTH VIETNAM BORDER.

ALL UTM COORDINATES ARE TAKEN FROM AMS SERIES L7011, SHEET 6347 II AND SERIES L701, SHEET 6346 IV.

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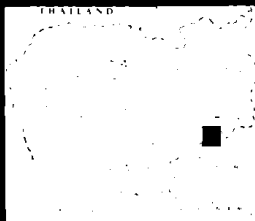
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ROAD JUNCTION
12-07N 106-35E

ROUTE 131

VEHICULAR TRACKS

PARTIALLY CONCEALED BUILDING
SUSPECT INSURGENT ENCAMPMENT



UNNUMBERED ROAD
12-07N 106-38E

VEHICULAR TRACKS

VISIBLE ROAD TERMINUS
11-58N 106-40E

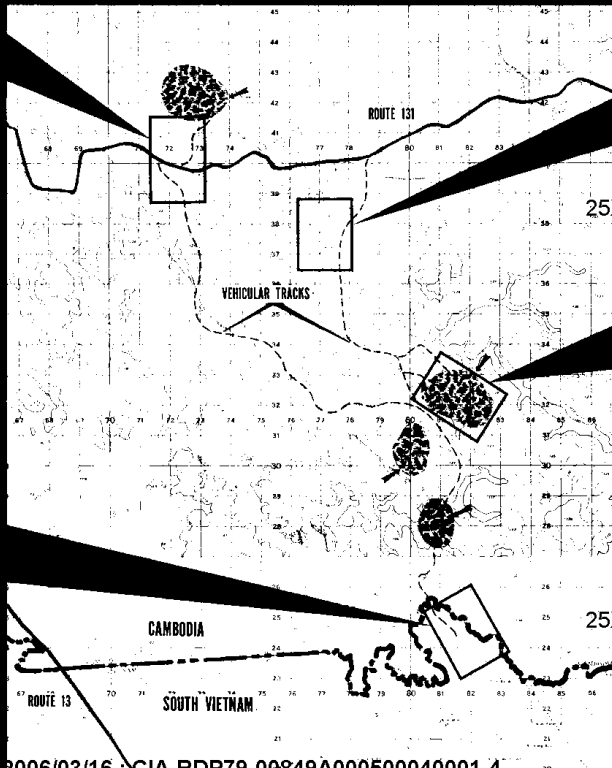
CAMBODIA

VISIBLE TERMINUS

APPROX
BORDER ALIGNMENT

SOUTH VIETNAM

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SUSPECT INSURGENT ENCAMPMENT
12-03N 106-40E

VEHICULAR TRACKS

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